

Goodlatte amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the EPA to take any actions described as a “backstop” in the Dec. 29, 2009 letter from EPA’s Regional Administrator to the States in the Watershed and the District of Columbia in response to the development or implementation of a State’s watershed implementation and referred to in enclosure B of such letter; **Pages H4848–50**

Westmoreland amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay legal fees pursuant to a settlement in any case, in which the Federal Government is a party, that arises under the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act; and **Pages H4852–53**

LaMalfa amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay attorney fees in a civil suit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 pursuant to a court order that states such fees were calculated at an hourly rate in excess of \$125 per hour. **Pages H4854–55**

H. Res. 333, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2822) and (H.R. 2042) was agreed to on June 24th

**National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016:** The House agreed to the Thornberry motion to close portions of the conference on the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, at such times as classified national security information may be broached, by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 390. **Pages H4814–15**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4814–19 and H4815–16. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

## Committee Meetings

### ASSURING NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE: INVESTING IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO END RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN ROCKET ENGINES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on June 26, 2015, entitled “Assuring National Security Space: Investing in American Industry to End Reliance on Russian Rocket Engines”. Testimony was heard from Katrina G. McFarland, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Department of Defense; General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Com-

mand; Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center; and public witnesses.

### STUDENT SUCCESS ACT; RESILIENT FEDERAL FORESTS ACT OF 2015

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act” [meeting II]; and H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule that provides for further consideration of H.R. 5 under a structured rule. The rule makes in order pursuant to H. Res. 125 the further amendments to H.R. 5 printed in part A of the Rules Committee Report. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 2647. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, and Representatives Thompson of Pennsylvania, Westerman, Polis, Huelskamp, Walker, and Buck.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D724)

H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers,

firefighters, and air traffic controllers to make penalty-free withdrawals from governmental plans after age 50. Signed on June 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–26)

H.R. 1295, to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti. Signed on June 29, 2015. (Public Law 114–27)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the role of the Financial Stability Board in the United States regulatory framework, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the President's international climate agenda and implications for domestic environmental policy, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to receive a closed briefing on Department of Defense maritime activities and engagement in the South China Sea, 5 p.m., SVC–217.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine stopping an avian influenza threat to animal and public health, 10 a.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine a path forward, focusing on trust modernization and reform for Indian lands, 2:15 p.m., SD–628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine going dark, focusing on encryption, technology, and the balance between public safety and privacy, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine cyber crime, focusing on modernizing our legal framework for the information age, 2:15 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold hearings to examine counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and the challenges of “Going Dark”, 2:30 p.m., SH–216.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “Energy and the Rural Economy: the Economic Impact of Exporting Crude Oil”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* Full Committee, markup on Agriculture Appropriations Bill for FY 2016; and Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2016, 10:15 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Internet Governance Progress After ICANN 53”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Medicaid at 50: Strengthening and Sustaining the Program”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Examining the Designation and Regulation of Bank Holding Company SIFIs”, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, joint hearing entitled “Reviewing the U.S.-China Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “Examining DHS's Misplaced Focus on Climate Change”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 2329, the “Ensuring Access to Justice for Claims Against the United States Act”; and H.R. 2604, the “Need-Based Educational Aid Act of 2015”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “The Helium Stewardship Act and the Path Forward”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on H.R. 487, to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands; H.R. 959, the “Medgar Evers House Study Act”; H.R. 1554, the “Elkhorn Ranch and White River National Forest Conveyance Act of 2015”; H.R. 1937, the “National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015”; H.R. 1949, the “The National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015”; H.R. 2223, the “Craggs, Colorado Land Exchange Act of 2015”; H.R. 2791, the “Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act”; H.R. 2898, the “Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015”; S. 501, the “New Mexico Water Settlement Technical Corrections Act”; and H.R. 1138, the “Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act”, 4 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules,* Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 6, the “21st Century Cures Act”, 3 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing entitled “Is the OPM Data Breach the Tip of the Iceberg?”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Calm Before the Storm: Oversight of the SBA's Disaster Loan Program”, 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled “A Review of VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.